



MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2013
6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Rushville City Common Council met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m.

PLEDGE TO FLAG:


PRAYER: Councilman Bridges led those present in prayer.


ROLL CALL:  Council members Bob Bridges, Brian Conner and Craig Smith answered roll call. Councilmen Berkemeier and Sheehan were not present. Also present was City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse.

PUBLIC HEARING DISASTER RECERTIFICATION GRANT:  Mayor Pavey opened the meeting for a public hearing on a disaster recertification grant. Paula Hartwell explained the grant application is for an evaluation of the system. She asked if there were any questions. Councilman Smith asked if this would include any dirt work. Hartwell said it would not. She said this is an evaluation for planning.

Bridges made a motion to close the public hearing. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING TO RE-ESTABLISH THE CCD FUND: Mayor Pavey opened the meeting for a public hearing. Pavey asked if there were any questions or concerns from the public. There were none. Bridges made a motion to close the public hearing. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.


MINUTES:  Conner made a motion to approve the minutes of May 7, 2013 as presented. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT:  Mayor Pavey reported the following:



1. Thank you to the Hoosier Youth Challenge Cadets. They spent a day working at Riverside Park and also placing stone at the Founders Cemetery to re-stabilize the bank.
2. There have been some concerns from businesses over the closure of 52 south. Pavey said they would see if the businesses would be allowed to put up temporary signage to let customers know they were open for business.
3. Mayor Pavey talked to Crystal Woods from Circleville concerning the noise complaints she has had with a contractor. He told her to let the City know when the next phase of the construction started so they could send the police out to verify that they are being good neighbors.

4. The Fraley Wilker drain project is complete. The overall project looks like it turned out pretty nice.
5. Pavey said he would like to have a decision on the ambulance. He has not received a decision from the hospital as to our request to be a sponsoring hospital. The hospital says they want us to continue conversations. Smith said he has asked Jenkins to present a plan at the next meeting for BLS which would not require a sponsor hospital. Council agreed they would like to have this on the agenda so a decision can be made.
6. The CSO committee will meet tomorrow.
7. We will turn in a project list to the EIDD on Friday for the SEDS.
8. There will be a Memorial Day ceremony at 11:00 Monday at Veteran's bridge. The Police & Fire Departments will participate.
9. The OCRA meeting on the SEDS that was scheduled for May 30 is being moved to sometime in June.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT:  Council President Bridges encouraged everyone to attend the Memorial Day Ceremony. He said a lot of work is being put into the ceremony. The ceremony will begin at the Veteran's Bridge. They will go down either Morgan or Harrison Street to 5th Street and then over to Main. They will stop at the Courthouse and raise the flag and then continue to East Hill Cemetery. They will place a wreath in the Flatrock River in memory of sailors who lost their lives as submariners. Ride Rush will provide transportation to the location. Bridges said this is not a parade. Bridges commended Councilmen Smith & Conner for coordinating new crosses for the Courthouse lawn.


COMMITTEE REPORTS:


1. **AMPHITHEATER** – None.
2. **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN** – None.
3. **TRASH SUB COMMITTEE** – None.
4. **EMPLOYEE BENEFITS/CITY POLICY** –  Pavey said we will be moving forward on this. We need to address the use of City property.
5. **APC/BZA BUILDING CODE** –  Pavey said he received a letter from the County stating that they were recently contacted by Dean Illingsworth from IDHS stating that Rushville did adopt a building code in 1998 and it is still in effect. Since the City does not have a building inspector a letter needs to be addressed to Illingsworth from the Mayor requesting an inspection until such time that the City is able to hire a building inspector. There are currently projects at INTAT that need inspections.


Berkemeier informed the Mayor that there is a zoning request before the APC for a recycling center on Conrad Harcourt Way. Berkemeier said he is in support of the zoning for the recycling center and will keep Council informed.

6. **UTILITY BOARD/BW/CC-WORKING COMMITTEE** – A meeting is scheduled for Wednesday.


DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:


 Bridges made a motion to send a letter directing the State to send an inspector for the INTAT projects. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.


 **Street** – Miller said the Board of Works hired Brad Koehler for part-time employment. He will be working on the trash truck.

 **Police** – Assistant Chief Click informed Council that the Board of Works accepted the resignation of Jay Griffith effective May 31.


The written test and physical agility tests for a new patrolman have been administered. They have narrowed the field down to 12 applicants from 30. Click said they are looking at June 10-14 for interviews with the Board and hope to hire the last meeting in June or the first meeting in July.


 **Park** – Park Director Mathews said they have sent in the first water sample for the pool. It is scheduled to open this Saturday.

 **Animal** – Moran informed Council that the Board of works hired Jonathon Steed for part time employment.

CITIZEN CONCERNS:  Sandy Fussner informed Council that she has had many requests for all parades routes to be on Main Street.

Elizabeth Innis from Elizabeth's Keepsakes said she would encourage parades on Main. It is good for the downtown businesses.

 Shelly Bostic from the Rushville Pharmacy also said she would like to see the parades on Main Street because it brings more people into the stores and that helps them to be able to give back to the community.

 George Coons said he and his wife have done the fireworks for the past 31 years and have also coordinated the 4th of July parade for the last several years. He said since the shade trees have been removed from Main Street, that Morgan and Harrison streets provide a cooler

atmosphere for the parade. He said many people have told him they prefer the side street other than Main.

Conner told Coons that he and his family have done a great job with the fireworks and 4th of July parade. The only thing we are hearing tonight is that they want the parade back on Main Street since this helps promote the downtown businesses.

Pavey said maybe someone needs to help out with the parade and let George and Sandy focus their attention on the fireworks. Pavey said the community appreciates all the work the Coons' family does for the 4th of July celebration. He said we would hate to see you walk away and lose 2 things the community values.

Aaron Gurley told Coons that he would volunteer to help with the parade so they could focus more on the fireworks.



Fussner told Coons that she appreciates their work but would like to have the parade on Main. She said she polled 52 people and 48 of them wanted the parade on Main St.

Conner made a motion that all parade routes be on Main Street. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:


1. **Blue Ribbon Estates Street Dedication** –  This has been approved by the Board of Works and the City will sign off on the Street Dedication.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Alley Reconfiguration** –  There is a permit in the process for Moster's Mortuary. They will be making the facility more handicap accessible and provide additional parking. Contractor Chad Bowles said they will need to change the grading of the alley this may also include putting a small jog in the alley. Smith made a motion to allow Bowles to move forward with project. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Recycling Zoning-Request APC Investigation** –  Pavey said he fully supports the zoning approval for C & C Recycling. He said the big thing is that we need to request that the County come up with verbiage that does not allow this to happen again.

Bridges made a motion to request the investigation. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Conner made a motion to have the APC be proactive to define what a recycling center is and bring that definition back to the City. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. **INTAT Statement of Benefits** –  David Reid came before Council to ask approval of INTAT's Statement of Benefits. Smith thanked INTAT for all that they give back to the community. Bridges made a motion to approve the Statement of Benefits for INTAT. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Pavey also thanked INTAT and said they are phenomenal to work with.

4. **Ordinance 2013-4 Re-establish CCD Fund** –  Bridges made a motion to approve Ordinance 2013-4 Re-establishing the CCD Fund. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CLAIMS APPROVAL: Conner made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE: None.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before Council; Bridges made a motion to adjourn. Conner seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.